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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: U.S. PHILIPPINE BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT
ANOMALIES IN TEXTILE QUOTA ALLOCATION

1. ON MARCH 9, LOCAL NEWSPAPER, BUSINESS DAY, PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY "A TOP DEPARTMENT OF TRADE (DOT) OFFICIAL" WHO SPECIFIED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WAS LAUNCHING "AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGEDLY ANOMALOUS ALLOCATIONS OF QUOTAS TO CERTAIN BIG EXPORTING FIRMS BY THE NOW DEFUNCT TEXTILE EXPORT BOARD (TEB)".

2. ANOTHER DOT OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE TEXTILE QUOTAS FOR EXPORTS TO THE US WERE BEING ISSUED BY PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN WHO HAD NO AUTHORITY TO DO SO. (COMMENT: THIS IS APPARENTLY A REFERENCE TO THE PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN IN THE TEB.) THE ARTICLE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE OFFICIAL FURNISHED BUSINESS DAY A COPY OF ONE SUCH AUTHORIZATION TO A DOMESTIC FIRM TO EXPORT 1,500 DOZENS OF COTTON DENIM JEANS TO A HONG KONG BASED COMPANY, WHICH IN TURN WOULD SHIP THESE TO A BUYER IN THE U.S.

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3. THE DOT OFFICIAL ALSO POINTED OUT THAT UNDER TEB PROCEDURES, THE LARGE AND ESTABLISHED EXPORTING FIRMS HAD AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OVER SMALLER ENTERPRISES. THE OFFICIAL STATED THAT "THE BIG FIRMS WERE ALLOCATING FOR THEMSELVES OVER 80 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL. ONLY 20 PER CENT WAS LEFT AVAILABLE FOR THE SMALLER, MORE

NUMEROUS - AND PERHAPS EVEN MORE MERITORIOUS - EXPORTERS,"
THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT IRREGULARITIES IN THE TEB WERE AN
IMPORTANT REASON FOR PRESIDENT MARCOS' ISSUANCE OF
LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 676 (SEE SEPTTEL) DESIGNATING
THE DOT AS THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCY FOR ALL TEXTILE AND
GARMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER
COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT: AT PRESENT, EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO
DETERMINE WHETHER ALLEGATIONS OF QUESTIONABLE ALLOCATION
OF QUOTAS BY TEB ARE PRIMARILY A MANIFESTATION OF AN INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL POWER STRUGGLE OR WHETHER SERIOUS MALFEASANCE
WAS OCCURRING. EMBASSY WILL MONITOR INVESTIGATION WHEN AND
IF IT OCCURS.
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